

SENATE BILL No. 322

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-51.

Synopsis: Schools receiving choice scholarships. Provides that an eligible school may be accredited by the state board of education or a national or regional accreditation agency that meets the standards adopted by the state board of education. Provides that an eligible school may administer the ISTEP test or a nationally norm-referenced test approved by the state board of education. Provides that the department of education may not require an eligible school to report any information that is not necessary to administer the choice scholarship program, and requires the department of education to reduce undue reporting burdens on eligible schools.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-51-1-4.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2013,
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 4.7. "Eligible school" refers to a public or
4 nonpublic elementary school or high school that:
5 (1) is located in Indiana;
6 (2) requires an eligible choice scholarship student to pay tuition
7 or transfer tuition to attend;
8 (3) voluntarily agrees to enroll an eligible choice scholarship
9 student;
10 (4) is accredited by either the state board or a national or regional
11 accreditation agency that ~~is recognized~~ **meets the standards**
12 **adopted** by the state board;
13 (5) administers the Indiana statewide testing for educational
14 progress (ISTEP) program under IC 20-32-5 **or a nationally**
15 **norm-referenced test approved by the state board;**
16 (6) is not a charter school or the school corporation in which an



1 eligible choice scholarship student has legal settlement under
2 IC 20-26-11; and

3 (7) submits to the department only the student performance data
4 required for a category designation under IC 20-31-8-3.

5 SECTION 2. IC 20-51-4-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2013,
6 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7. (a) The department shall administer this
8 chapter.

9 (b) The department shall approve an application for an eligible
10 school within fifteen (15) days after the date the school requests to
11 participate in the choice scholarship program.

12 (c) The department shall approve an application for a choice
13 scholarship student within fifteen (15) days after the date the student
14 requests to participate in the choice scholarship program.

15 (d) Each year, at a minimum, the department shall accept
16 applications from March 1 through September 1 for:

17 (1) choice scholarship students; or

18 (2) eligible schools;

19 for the upcoming school year.

20 (e) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement
21 this chapter.

22 (f) The department may adopt emergency rules under
23 IC 4-22-2-37.1 to implement this chapter.

24 **(g) The department:**

25 **(1) may not require an eligible school to report any**
26 **information that is not necessary to carry out this chapter;**
27 **and**

28 **(2) shall reduce undue reporting burdens on eligible schools.**

